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Monticello, Utah 84535

Re: Deficient Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations, Calvyn Bradford, Joker Project, S/037/103, San Juan County, Utah

Dear Mr. McDougall:

On January 26, 1998, the Division received a Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations from Calvyn Bradford, for his Joker Project. The Division's review of the attached site map would describe the proposed location as being the NW1/4 SE1/4 of Section 9 rather than the location listed in the notice (SE1/4 SW1/4 SE1/4) of Section 9, T37S, R24E, San Juan County, Utah. We received an additional copy of the notice forwarded by your office on January 30, 1998. Your agency's designated number for this project is UTU-74617.

According to our files, this mine site was previously permitted by Glen Shumway as a small mine operation with Division file number S/037/071. Mr. Shumway informed the BLM and Division of the desire to transfer the site to Kelly Shumway, but this transfer never formally took place. Mr. Glen Shumway indicated that the lease agreement was no longer in effect and the claims reverted to the original owner (Minerals West). The BLM issued a notice of non compliance to Mr. Shumway which was resolved in July 1992 after the site was cleaned up and the portal secured.

The Division can accept this notice from Calvyn Bradford for the Joker mine site in lieu of an official transfer from Mr. Glen Shumway. The net effect of acceptance of this notice would be the closing of Division file S/037/071 and releasing Glen Shumway of any further reclamation responsibilities. Mr. Bradford's responsibility would include reclamation of pre-existing features which are re-impacted by his proposed operations as well as reclamation of any new disturbances. If this is acceptable to the BLM please notify us.

The Division has evaluated the above mentioned Notice under the Small Mining Operation section of our Rules. The information provided in the notice *does not* meet the requirements of Rule R647-3 of the 1988 Division of Oil, Gas and Mining Minerals Rules, and Title 40-8, *et seq.*, of the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act of 1975. Given the pre-existing notice and existing disturbances at

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this site the Division requests the following information before this notice can be considered complete:

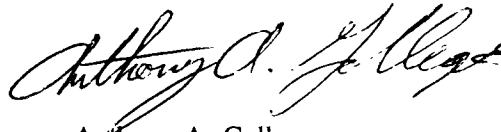
The notice from Mr. Bradford requested variances from item 10 (stockpiling topsoil prior to mining), and item 12 (ripping, discing or harrowing of the seedbed). Given that this site has been previously impacted, Mr. Bradford will need to provide a scaled map of the proposed surface facilities which shows the currently existing disturbances, and the areas to be covered by the two variances requested. This surface facilities map should include a border defining the proposed five acre permit area. More specific details justifying these variances is also needed. This justification should include a written description of the specific areas these variances will apply to, and why these two operation and reclamation practices cannot be followed in these areas.

A documented site inspection by Division and/or BLM staff prior to the startup of Mr. Bradford's mining operation will be needed to assess the current site conditions and disturbances.

It is understood that the Division will notify your office of any permitting concerns we may have, and in turn, your office, acting as 'Lead Agency' will notify the operator accordingly. In the interest of time we have sent a copy of this letter to Mr. Bradford.

Please provide us with a copy of your correspondence to the operator. In addition, if you receive additional information or amendments for this operation, please notify us so we can update our files. Please reference our designated file number S/037/103 when forwarding additional information on this project to us.

Sincerely,



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Senior Reclamation Specialist

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